



**NIFA Veterinary Medicine
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Veterinarian Shortage Situation Nomination Form

To be completed by the chief State or Insular Area Animal Health Official or his/her designee

Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP)

Nomination of Veterinarian Shortage Situations for the Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP) Authorized Under the National Veterinary Medical Service Act (NVMSA)

Note: Please submit one separate nomination form for each position. See solicitation for number of nominations permitted for your state or insular area.

Veterinary Shortage ID Code: CA115

Location of Veterinary Shortage Area for this Nomination

Note: If this nomination is for a public practice position, please provide the location of the home office or the center of service area.

Location of Veterinary Shortage: California Counties of Glenn (south and west), Colusa
(e.g., County, State/Insular Area)

Center of Service Area or
Location of Position: Williams or Willows, CA
(e.g., Address or Cross Street, Town/City, and Zip Code)

Type of Veterinary Practice Area/Discipline/Specialty

☐ Type I Shortage: Private Practice
Food Animal Medicine (at least 80 percent time)
Please select **one or more** specialties requested for this position:

- ☐ Beef Cattle
- ☐ Dairy Cattle
- ☐ Swine
- ☐ Poultry
- ☐ Small Ruminant
- ☐ Other _____

☒ Type II Shortage: Private Practice – Rural Area
Food Animal Medicine (at least 30 percent time) **30%**
Please select **one or more** specialties requested for this position:

- ☒ Beef Cattle
- ☒ Dairy Cattle
- ☐ Swine
- ☐ Poultry
- ☒ Small Ruminant
- ☐ Other : _____

☐ Type III Shortage: Public Practice (at least 49 percent time*)
Employer: _____ Position Title: _____
Please select **one or more** specialty/disciplinary areas.

- ☐ Food Safety
- ☐ Public Health
- ☐ Epidemiology
- ☐ Other: _____

Please describe the objectives of a veterinarian meeting this shortage situation as well as being located in the community, area, state/insular area, or position requested above (limit your response to 200 words or less).

The livestock operations in this area require emergency as well as preventive medicine services. Because of the remoteness of the area, a veterinarian serving the food animal needs in this area is likely to need to generate income from pet animal medicine. There are a few small animal practices in the area, however the two single-person mixed animal practices in Willows, Ca. has been cognoscente of the food animal needs and has been trying to provide the service. Colusa County is 1,156 square miles with a population density of 16 per square mile Glenn County is 1,327 square miles (density of 21 people per square mile).

Colusa County has 16,000 head of cattle (2008 estimate). Part of Glenn County is likely to be serviced by this position though part of Glenn has access to other veterinarians. Glenn County has 15,000 beef cows and 17,700 dairy cattle.

Please describe the activities of a veterinarian meeting this shortage situation and being located in the community, area, state/insular area, or position requested above (limit your response to 200 words or less).

The veterinarian will provide on-call services to livestock operations in the area; hence there will be significant travel involved. Services required on an emergency basis will range from calving dystocias to sudden rises in morbidity in a herd, to grass tetany, etc. Producers also require consultation regarding appropriate preventive programs, consultation on vaccination programs, pregnancy confirmation and the like.

Please describe any past efforts to recruit and retain a veterinarian in the shortage situation identified above (limit your response to 100 words or less).

Based on observations from the veterinarian in Willows, they have had difficulty in recruiting because today the new graduates have to consider having a salary adequate enough to live on and to cover loan repayment costs as well. Note that he and the other veterinarian in Willows providing services to the community are both in his words "past retirement age."

Please describe the risk of this veterinarian position not being secured or retained. Include the risk(s) to the production of a safe and wholesome food supply and to animal, human, and environmental health not only in the community but in the region, state/insular area, nation, and/or international community (limit your response to 250 words or less).

This region has a significant cow-calf population and without appropriate veterinary services, there is an increased risk of diseased and/or improperly treated animals (antibiotic drug residues), entering the food chain. Additionally it increases the risk of loss of production and of animals due to undetected or misdiagnosed diseases.

Please indicate whether you consider this situation/position a candidate for a "service in emergency" agreement (limit your response to 100 words or less). Please see solicitations for additional information regarding the obligation of participants who enter into the "Service in Emergency" agreement.

N/A

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